

May 7, 2021  
National FOIA Office  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW (2310A)  
Washington, DC 20460

**Re: Freedom of Information Act Request**

Dear Sir or Madam:

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. 552, I am requesting copies of materials related to the publication of the following two study reports overseen by the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Strategic Studies Staff in 1983 and 1984, respectively:

- **Can We Delay A Greenhouse Warming (September 1983) (Strategic Studies Staff, Office of Policy and Resources Management)**
- **Potential Climatic Impacts of Increasing Atmospheric CO2 with Emphasis on Water Availability and Hydrology in the United States, Report Prepared for EPA by NASA Goddard Space Flight Center (April 1984) (Strategic Studies Staff, Office of Policy Analysis)**

Attached to this request are title pages of both publications, for reference. While I possess copies of these reports in full, I am seeking any and all communications associated with the preparation of the reports. Interagency or intra-agency communications that show why the report topics were selected for study by the EPA or its subcommittee, as well as analyses, assessments, meetings, presentations, studies, and working papers related to the reports would be responsive to my request.

The first report, published in September 1983, was authored by Strategic Studies Staff Senior Policy Analyst Stephen Seidel and Consultant Dale Keyes. The second report, published in April 1984, was authored by David Rind and Sergej Lebedeff and issued by NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center Institute of Space Studies (NASA-ISS). The study therein was conducted by ISS for the EPA, and the report notes Strategic Studies Staff Director John S. Hoffman and Senior Policy Analyst Stephen Seidel as overseeing officials. Although we have also submitted a FOIA request to NASA for any communications related to the production of this 1984 report, we believe that the EPA, as the agency for whom the report was prepared, would also have created or kept records concerning it.

As part of this request, and in addition to searches of potentially responsive records held at the EPA, I am requesting also that certain, specific records accessions of the Washington National Records Center (WNRC), Suitland, Maryland, or at any regional Federal Records Center (FRC) be searched for any information responsive to the request. I have listed these accessions in three attachments to this request. Correspondence accessions are listed in Attachment A, policy accessions are listed in Attachment B, and studies accessions are listed in Attachment C.

I request as well that I be provided with copies of the official Records Transmittal Forms (SF-135s) associated with each of the accessions listed in Attachment A, Attachment B, and Attachment C. My review of such forms may assist in identifying clearly responsive materials; I am happy to work with agency FOIA staff to perform this task. Under normal circumstances, we would visit the WNRC in Suitland to collect these forms. Given its current closure to the public, however, I ask that the agency retrieve the SF-135s and send them to me remotely.

For reference, I have also attached EPA retention schedules N1-412-87-004 as Attachment D and N1-412-94-006 as Attachment E. The retention schedule labeled as Attachment D relates to the EPA's Office of Policy, Planning, and Evaluation subdivision records. Titled the "Planning and Evaluation and Program Reporting Records," this schedule includes correspondence and speeches-related files, program development, evaluation, and management files, interagency and intra-agency report files, and study contract-related files, among others. The retention schedule labeled as Attachment E relates to various subdivisions within the EPA. In particular, it includes all program development files and regional program operations oversight and coordination files. I ask that the record series listed in these documents, and held by the EPA in its headquarters or regional offices or under agency control at any records centers, be searched as well for responsive documents.

To the extent that any relevant documents are classified, I request that they be declassified and/or sanitized for our review. If there are classified documents that cannot be declassified and/or sanitized, I request that you identify any and all such documents by listing date, author, recipient(s) and unclassified subject matter. I would also appreciate receiving any materials that can be released as soon as possible, rather than waiting for all responsive documents to clear the review process.

History Associates agrees to pay all reasonable and standard processing fees authorized by 5 U.S.C. 552(a)(4)(A) and the applicable regulations up to \$250. Should the fees exceed this amount, please call me with an estimate of the total costs in order that specific expenditures beyond \$250 can be authorized.

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding this request, please contact me at (301)279-9697 or via email to [meisen@historyassociates.com](mailto:meisen@historyassociates.com).

Sincerely,



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